The bill, entitled, An act to continue the act therein mentioned, was read the first and fecond time by especial order, passed, and, with the bill, entitled, An act to empower the delegates of this state in congress to subscribe and ratify the articles of confederation, sent to the house of delegates by Samuel Hughes, Esq; The senate adjourns till half atter 3 o'clock.

MERIDIE M,

Messieurs Alexander and Stevenson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engroffed bill No. 36, with the paper bill thereof, which engroffed bill was thus endorsed; . By " the house of delegates, January 27, 1781: Read and assented to. F. GREEN, clk."

By order, Messieurs Clagett and Duckett, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to detect and punish the disaffected and spies, and persons corresponding or trading with the enemy, to prevent disaffected emigrants from settling in the state, and to punish certain misdemeanors, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 27, 1781: Read the 44 first time and ordered to lie on the table.

F. GREEN, clk. " By order, 46 By the house of delegates, January 27, 1781: Read the second time by especial order and

44 will pass. F. GREEN, clk." " By order, Messieurs Magruder and James Chapline, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 25, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the

" table. F. GREEN, clk. " By order, " By the house of delegates, January 28, 1781: Read the second time and will pass. F. GREEN, clk." "By order, The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning geo'clock.

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THE senate met. Present as on yesterday, except Daniel of St. Thomas Jeniser, Esq; The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The honourable Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; being indisposed and unable to attend the senate proceeded to the choice of a president, when the honourable George Plater, Esq; was elected in his stead; whereupon he took the chair.

On a second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to seize, confiscate, and appropriate all British property within this state, the question was put, that the following part of the bill be struck out? " And any citizen of this state, who hath taken the oath, or affirmation, of fidelity and support aforesaid, and hath and shall accordingly exert himself in support thereof as aforesaid, whose property on the land in this or either of the United States has been or shall be taken from him by the enemy, or whose houses or other property on the land in this state hath been or shall be burned or otherwise destroyed by the enemy." Carried in the negative.

His Excellency the Governor communicates to the president a letter from the council, respecting the artillery officers, which was read and fent to the house of delegates by Charles Carrolla

On motion, the question was put, That the following clause be inserted at the end of the of Carrollton, Esq; eighth page? " And be it enacted, That the debts due to Ofgood Hanbury, individually or in company, and the debts due to Sylvanus Grove, to the amount of two thirds of the bank stock belonging to this state, shall be and hereby are taken and confiscated, and the same shall be applied, in the first place, to satisfy the debts due from the said Osgood Hanbury, individually or in company, and the debts due from Sylvanus Grove, respectively, and in the next place, to fatisfy the debts due from James Russell to the subjects of this state, as aforesaid, and the balance, if any, shall be and hereby is applied as a fund to fink and pay the bills of credit as aforefaid." Carried in the affirmative.

I R M A

Honourable George Plater, Esq; president, honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, William Hindman, William Hemsley, John Henry, and Samuel Hughes, Esquires.

NEGATIVE.

Honourable Richard Barnes, Esquire.

Messieurs M'Comas and Lawson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolutions: BY